

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 MONTEV 03360 132044Z

70-62

ACTION IO-14

INFO OCT-01 ARA-16 ISO-00 ABF-01 IGA-02 RSC-01 DRC-01

AID-20 EB-11 /067 W

----- 114774

R 131929Z NOV 73

FM AMEMBASSY MONTEVIDEO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5541

INFO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

AMEMBASSY CARACAS

USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE MONTEVIDEO 3360

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: UN, GAO, UY

SUBJ: GAO REVIEW OF UNDP PROGRAM-URUGUAY

1. GAO AUDITORS, EDWARD HEFFERON AND EDWARD KENNEDY, DEPARTED MONTEVIDEO EN ROUTE BOGOTA ON AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 9 AFTER COMPLETING

URUGUAY. AUDITOR FRANK BIZZELL HAD ALREADY DEPARTED FOR THE UNITED STATES ON NOVEMBER 4 DUE TO FAMILY ILLNESS.

2. THERE WAS A CONSENSUS AMONG ALL PARTIES, EMBASSY, UNDP AND THE GAO OFFICIALS, THAT THE AIMS OF THE TRIP WERE VERY SATISFACTORILY ACHIEVED. THE GAO TEAM TOOK A TRIP TO PAYSANDU IN THE NORTHWEST OF URUGUAY TO REVIEW UNDP ASSISTANCE TO AN AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENTAL STATION RUN BY THE UNIVERSITY OF THE REPUBLIC AND TO TREINTA Y TRES, A DEPARTMENTAL CAPITAL IN THE EAST, TO SEE A GOU AGRICULTURAL STATION. IN ADDITION, THEY SAW OTHER PROJECTS IN VETERINARY RESEARCH, PUBLIC HEALTH, INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, EXPORT PROMOTION, FISHERIES, AIRPORT PERSONNEL TRAINING, METEOROLOGY AND QUALITY CONTROL LABORATORY. THESE PROJECT VISITS WERE INTERSPERSED WITH NUMEROUS FORMAL AND INFORMAL MEETINGS WITH THE UNDP RESREP AND HIS STAFF. IN ADDITION, THE AUDITORS HAD SEVERAL ORIENTATION MEETINGS WITH EMBASSY STAFF AND WITH UNDP PROJECT COUNTERPARTS, AND INFORMAL ENCOUNTERS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FOREIGN

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 MONTEV 03360 132044Z

MINISTRY AND OFFICE OF PLANNING AND BUDGET WHICH OFFICE HAS

RESPONSIBILITY FOR COORDINATION OF EXTERNAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES
AND FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNDP COUNTRY PLAN FOR URUGUAY.

3. AT ALL TIMES THE MEETINGS WITH THE UNDP MANAGER AND TECHNICIANS WERE IN-DEPTH AND THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WAS BOTH EXTENSIVE AND FRANK. THE UNDP MADE EVERY EFFORT TO DISCUSS PROGRAM WEAKNESSES AS WELL AS STRENGTHS. IN SPITE OF THE FACT THAT THE UNDP'S LOCAL OFFICE WAS PROVIDED ONLY A FEW DAYS NOTICE TO PREPARE FOR THE GAO VISIT, EVERY EFFORT WAS MADE BY IT TO SCHEDULE VISITS TO A REPRESENTATIVE SET OF PROJECTS FOR INSPECTION.

4. THE CONDUCT OF THE GAO REPRESENTATIVES ADDED TO THE SUCCESS OF THE VISIT. THEY WERE LOW-KEY AND TACTFUL, AND IT IS THE MISSION'S IMPRESSION THAT THIS CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE SUCCESS OF THE REVIEW AND TO THE UNDP'S WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS SHORTCOMINGS AS WELL AS STRONG POINTS. WHILE THE LANGUAGE BARRIER WAS A POTENTIAL PROBLEM FOR THE AUDITORS, THIS WAS ALLEVIATED BY THE FACT THAT PRACTICALLY ALL OF THE UNDP PERSONNEL SPOKE SOME ENGLISH. ALSO, THE AUDITORS WERE AT ALL TIMES ACCOMPANIED IN THEIR PROJECT VISITS BY USAID MISSION PERSONNEL WHO ASSISTED WITH TRANSLATIONS WHEN NECESSARY.

5. ON THE SUBSTANTIVE SIDE, THE TEAM EVIDENCED A PREFERENCE FOR CHANNELLING US ASSISTANCE ABROAD VIA BILATERAL RATHER THAN MULTI-LATERAL CHANNELS. THEY ALSO EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN OVER THE POSSIBLE DANGERS TO US INTERESTS OF UNDP PROGRAMS WITH UNIVERSITIES, IN CASES WHERE A UN TECHNICIAN MAY TRY TO PROMOTE HIS IDEOLOGICAL LEANINGS. ON BOTH ITEMS, THEY APPEARED SATISFIED WITH THE EXPLANATIONS GIVEN BY MISSION STAFF.

6. TEAM INDICATED THAT FINAL REPORT WOULD PROVIDE GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF HOW UNDP SYSTEM WORKS AT HEADQUARTERS, AND AT COUNTRY LEVEL AND WOULD NOT DEAL SPECIFICALLY WITH PROGRAM IN URUGUAY. WHEN COMMENTS ON UN FIELD PROGRAMS ARE MADE, THEY WOULD REFER TO COUNTRY X. DRAFT OF FINAL REPORT WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO MISSION FOR NORMAL REVIEW PRIOR TO RELEASE.

7. THE GAO TEAM EXPRESSED COMPLETE SATISFACTION WITH THE RESULTS OF THEIR VISIT AND WERE IMPRESSED BY THE QUALITY AND OPENNESS OF THE LOCAL UNDP RESREP AND HIS STAFF. MISSION REQUESTS THAT THE UNDP HEADQUARTERS BE OFFICIALLY INFORMED OF THE VERY EXCELLENT COOPERATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 MONTEV 03360 132044Z

OF THE UNDP REPRESENTATIVE, MR. LUIS GOMEZ, AND HIS STAFF, IN PREPARING THE SCHEDULE, MAKING THE PROGRAM PRESENTATIONS AND OTHERWISE

CONTRIBUTING TO THE OVERALL SUCCESS OF THE VISIT.
SIRACUSA

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: GAO AUDITS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 13 NOV 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: golinofr
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973MONTEV03360
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: MONTEVIDEO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19731137/aaaabbhr.tel
Line Count: 112
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION IO
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: golinofr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 17 JAN 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <17-Jan-2002 by martinjw>; APPROVED <08 FEB 2002 by golinofr>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: GAO REVIEW OF UNDP PROGRAM-URUGUAY
TAGS: AORG, EAID, UY, US, UN, UNDP, GAO
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005